

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for wrapping in a sheet of material a food product comprising at least two complementary parts coupled together along a coupling line, comprising the steps of:

- forming this wrapper in at least two complementary parts which can be joined together along a respective connection line.

- positioning the said product in the said wrapper, ensuring that the said coupling line is offset with regard to the associated connection line of between the said two parts, with the said two parts being coupled substantially freely, and

- closing the said wrapper around the said product along the said respective connection line.

2. A method according to Claim 1, comprising the steps of:

- selecting one of the said parts of the product,

- forming one part of the two said parts of the wrapper corresponding thereto and introducing the said selected part of the product into the said one part of the wrapper so that at least part the said one part of the wrapper projects beyond the selected part of the product,

- joining the other of the said two parts to the selected part along the said connection line substantially freely, with relative movement between the selected part and the other part being prevented by the projecting portion of the wrapper part, and

- forming at least one further part of the said wrapper, joining it to the said first part of the wrapper along the respective connection line.

3. A method according to Claim 1, comprising the steps of :

- forming a first part of the said wrapper defining the said respective connection line,
- introducing the product into the said first part of the wrapper with the said parts of the product coupled together substantially freely with the said coupling line angularly offset relative to the said connection line, and
- closing the said wrapper around the said product at the respective connection line.

4. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the said offset effect is achieved by forming at least one of the coupling line and the connection line as a wavy line.

5. A method according to Claim 2, comprising the steps of:

- making the said part of the wrapper generally concave so that the said projecting portion of the wrapper is substantially a collar able to surround and project from the said selected part of the product.

6. A method according to Claim 5, comprising the steps of:

- making the said product in two identical, complementary parts, and
- making the wrapper in two parts as well, with one part being larger than the other.

7. A method according to Claim 1, comprising the operations of forming the said parts of the said wrapper as portions of sheet material having respective flanged edges which jointly define a respective connection line.

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8. A method according to Claim 7, wherein the said two wrapper parts are joined along their respective connection line in an operation selected from ultrasonic welding, heat welding and gluing.

9. A food product which comprises at least two complementary parts joined together along a coupling line in a wrapper of sheet material, wherein:

- the said wrapper includes at least two complementary parts joined together along a respective connection line,
- the said product is positioned in the said wrapper with the said coupling line offset with respect to the associated connection line with the said two parts coupled substantially freely, and
- the said two substantially freely coupled parts are held together by the wrapper which is closed around the said product along the said respective connection line.

10. A product according to Claim 9, wherein one part of the said parts of the wrapper projects at least partially from the part of the product which it encloses, whereby relative movement between the said two substantially freely coupled parts is prevented by this said partially projecting portion of wrapper.

11. A product according to Claim 9, wherein the product is positioned in the said wrapper with its said parts coupled substantially freely and the said coupling line angularly offset in relative to the said respective connection line.

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12. A product according to Claim 9, wherein the offset is achieved by ensuring that at least one of either the coupling line or the said connection line is wavy.